



MARKED UP VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (twice amended) A protective headgear equipped with an electroacoustic communication device comprising an acoustic pick-up and a speaker in a case, the headgear further comprising:
- 5 an external principle shell including two lateral wall portions covering and corresponding to zones occupied by ears of a user; and
- connection means to attach and position said case, acoustic pickup, and speaker [to said headgear]
- 10 inside of said headgear in one of the zones occupied by the ear of the user, the connection means including a removable connection between the case of the communication device and the headgear.
7. (twice amended) A [The] protective headgear
- 15 equipped with an electroacoustic type communication device [according to claim 1, wherein] comprising:
- an external principle shell which is shaped to conform with a user's head and having lateral wall portions which define ear zones that cover ears of an
- 20 associated user;
- a [the] case [is located] detachably attached inside of the headgear within the one of the ear zones;
- a speaker disposed inside the case within the ear zone; and
- 25 an acoustic pick-up disposed inside the case within the ear zone.
8. (twice amended) The protective headgear equipped with an electroacoustic type communication device according to claim [1] 7 further including: [, wherein the case comprises:]
- 5 a chin-strap having an attachment means; and
- a connection cable connected to the case and retained at the headgear in its center portion attachment device which is configured to [interconnection]

RECEIVED
APR 30 2001
Technology Center 2600



10 inventor connect with [an] the attachment means of [a] the
chin-strap.

9. (twice amended) The protective headgear equipped with an electroacoustic type communication device according to claim [1] 7, wherein the case comprises:

5 two slots, a first cylindrical slot for receiving the acoustic pick-up and a second cylindrical slot [of smaller diameter,] for receiving the speaker.

11. (once amended) A protective headgear comprising:

a shell having an interior and an exterior;
a deformable structure mounted to the shell
5 interior for supporting the shell on a user's head, the deformable structure and the shell defining ear receiving areas;

at least one tab receiving guide mounted to the
10 interior of the shell adjacent one of the ear receiving areas;

a case having a tab which is selectively engagable with the guide for removably mounting the case to the shell adjacent the ear receiving areas;

15 a microphone/speaker assembly mounted in the case; and

a [an RF] transmitter/receiver assembly electrically connected with the microphone/speaker assembly.

RECEIVED

APR 30 2001

Technology Center 2600